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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
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FOR: AZOXY DYES AND COPPER :
COMPLEXES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copies following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) Azoxy dyes as claimed in claim 1, wherein each R¹ is methoxy.
4. (Amended) Azoxy dyes as claimed in claim 1, wherein the phenyl rings A are unsubstituted or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted.
5. (Amended) Azoxy dyes as claimed in claim 1, wherein each R² is carboxyl.
7. (Amended) Copper complex dyes and their mixtures obtainable by reacting the dyes of claim 1 with at least 0.1 mol equivalent of a copper donor.